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February 21, 2008

***RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45***

**TPUC Docket No. 24481 – Designation of Common Carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier to receive Federal Universal Funds Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission’s Fourteenth Report and Order Adopting A State Certification Process**

**TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation Pursuant to FTA '96 §214(e)(2)**

**TPUC Docket No. 35102 – Application of VTX Telecom, L.P., for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier**

### **VTX Telecom, L.P. – Annual Affidavit**

On February 8, 2008, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) issued a letter regarding designation of VTX Telecom, L.P., (VTX) as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for the study area of GTE Southwest, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Southwest pursuant to Sections 214(e)(2) and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”) and 47 C.F.R. sections

54.201 – 54.203. The TPUC's *Orders No. 3 and No. 4*, Docket No. 35102, issued on January 18, 2008 and January 31, 2008 granted this designation.

On February 20, 2008 VTX filed the attached letter and affidavit of Dave Osborn, General Manager, which attests to the company's intent to use the federal support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act, and for provision of the designated services required by 47 C.F.R. §54.101. This document is forwarded to your attention pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 – 54.314 for the purpose of calculating federal universal service support for VTX.

If you require any additional information please call David Smithson at (512)-936-7156.

Sincerely,

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